



Wellesley Council on Aging
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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR WELLESLEY SENIOR CITIZENS

Each transportation source has its own requirements, geographic parameters, hours of service, and cost. See chart for more detailed information.

| <u>Service & Where it will take you</u> | <u>Hours of Service</u> | <u>How to schedule a ride</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Other Comments</u> |
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| Wellesley Council on Aging Bus Within Wellesley plus Newton Wellesley Hospital, BI Deaconess in Needham, MetroWest Hospital in Natick, Woodland T. Also monthly trip to Natick Mall <u>or</u> Walmart <u>or</u> Christmas Tree Shop (rotates monthly). | 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri <u>Free</u> group grocery shopping trip to Roche Bros or Whole Foods every Wednesday. Last Thursday of month = mall trip (tickets required). | At least 2 business days in advance. Can occasionally accommodate last minute requests (call to find out). Reservations can be made up to 1 month in advance. 781-235-3046 | \$1.00 each way. Tickets available from COA office. | Accommodates wheelchair. Please notify bus service if you will be using wheelchair when you call for reservations. |
| Wellesley COA Volunteer Drivers Program Within Wellesley plus Metrowest Area; <u>no trips to Boston</u> | Requests can be made for any day/time, but depend on volunteer availability. | At least 3 business days in advance is recommended. 508-479-9301 | Tolls and parking. | Rides cannot be guaranteed. They are dependent on volunteer availability. |
| Busy Bee Belmont, Brighton, Brookline, Boston, Cambridge, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Weston: <u>medical appointments only</u> | Weekdays: 9am to 4:30pm (for appointments between 10 am and 2 pm). | At least 2 business days in advance (call between 9:00am-3:00pm). 1-800-427-0230 | Voluntary donation \$4.00 each way. | Grant funded through Springwell. Medical appointments only (do not need to be a Springwell client). Wheelchair accessible. |
| Springwell Medical Escort Program Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, and Boston medical appointments. | Weekdays: 9am to 5pm | At least one week in advance. Call Volunteer Coordinator: 617-926-4100 | Tolls and parking (plus a 50-cents per mile donation requested/not required). | For those unable to get to medical appointment independently, but able to get in and out of car with minimal assistance only (do not need to be a Springwell client). |

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| MBTA-THE RIDE services 60 cities and towns in and around Boston. Towns North, South, and East of Wellesley, as well as Natick and Framingham (with paratransit transfer) www.mbta.com/theride | 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Generally 5am to 1 am | By 5pm the day before the trip 1-888-920-7433 1-888-602-7577(TTY) | \$4.00 each way \$5.00 each way for a premium trip* | Accessible public transportation for ADA eligible persons with physical, mental or cognitive disability who cannot use regular fixed route bus, trains or trolley. In person interview with a Mobility Coordinator required. For an appointment, call THE RIDE Eligibility Center at (617) 337-2727. |
| MBTA Transportation Access Pass or Senior CharlieCard Reduced fare pass for people with a disability or seniors (65+) who can utilize public transportation from the MBTA such as buses, the green line trolley or the commuter rail. http://www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/accessible_services | Obtain a pass Mon-Fri 8:00a.m - 5:30p.m. at the Charlie Card Store located at Downtown Crossing Station, Boston. | 1-800-392-6100, 617-222-3200 617-222-5854 (TTY) | Reduced rates: local buses \$0.75, inner express buses for \$2.25, and outer express buses for \$3.25. | Seniors can also ride the Subway for \$1 and commuter rail or boat services for 50 percent off the regular full fare and for a discounted fare to Boston Logan Airport. A monthly pass (good for unlimited travel on local bus or subway) can be purchased for \$28. No discounts apply to express bus passes, commuter rail passes, or boat passes. |
| Metrowest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) Route 8: Wellesley Fixed route and “flag down” bus service | Mon-Fri 6:20a.m.- 7:32p.m. (refer to local schedule) | Refer to schedule for designated stops and can also “flag down” bus Call 508-935-2222 for more information | Adult fare: \$1.50/\$1.10 with a Charlie Card Seniors (65+) \$0.70 with a CharlieCard | Transfers can made to access Natick Mall (Macy’s) |

MBTA-THE RIDE

*What Makes a Trip A “Premium Trip”?

A trip is premium if either of the following are true:

1. The trip is booked for later the same day. Customers can avoid this by booking a trip 1-14 days in advance, which is recommended
2. The trip is either to or from an address more than ¾ miles from active MBTA bus and subway service and outside of the core area. This puts the trip outside the area within which service is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

For further clarification, call The RIDE Eligibility Center at 617-337-2727

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| <p>The Metrowest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) Boston Area Hospital Shuttle On Tuesday and Thursday the MWTRA provides a shuttle bus to the following centers: VA West Roxbury; VA Jamaica Plain; NE Baptist; Beth Israel; Joslin Clinic; Dana Farber; New England Deaconess and Brigham and Women's.</p> <p>www.mwtra.com</p> | <p>Tuesday and Thursday First Shuttle leaves at 8:30 and the last shuttle returns to the HUB at 6:15. Call to schedule a ride and it will then be determined what time based on what medical center you need to go to.</p> | <p>24 hrs notice is required for each trip. You must be pre-registered.</p> <p>508-820-4650</p> | <p>\$2.00 each way</p> | <p>The Shuttle can be boarded at MWRTA facility on Route 135, 37 Waverly Street Framingham or the Park and Ride @ Natick VFW Post 1274, 113 West Central Street, Natick. You must be pre-registered in order to use this shuttle.</p> |
| <p>Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston (ITN) – part of a national non-profit transportation system for members 60 years and older and the visually impaired. Seniors can drive and earn credits to bank for their own or someone else's use. Serves Fenway, Mission Hill, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Allston, Brighton, Brookline, Newton, Needham, Wellesley, Natick, Framingham, Ashland, Southborough, Marlborough, Watertown, and Waltham.</p> | <p>7 days a week, 24 hours a day</p> | <p>Call by 6 pm for ride the next day. 24 hours before gives members best price.</p> <p>508-309-7375</p> | <p>Daytime rides = \$4 on meter plus \$1.50 cents per mile. Fees vary for evening, weekend & short notice rides. Check with ITN.</p> | <p>Provides rides only to members and their guests. Provides rides for any purpose without restriction. Arm through arm, door through door service. Trained volunteers and paid drivers use sedans. Cashless system, no tipping. When members agree to ride with other members discounts apply. www.itngreaterboston.org.</p> |

Tips:

*If you want a ride for a **social/self-care purpose**, consider: Wellesley Council on Aging Bus, THE RIDE, Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston, The Council on Aging Volunteer Drivers Program, or the MWRTA's Route 8.*

*If you want a ride for a **medical appointment**, consider: Wellesley Council on Aging Bus, Springwell's Medical Escort Program, Busy Bee, THE RIDE, Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston, The Council on Aging Volunteer Drivers Program, or the MWRTA's Route 8 or MWRTA's Boston Area Hospital Shuttle.*

*For **Boston medical appointments**, consider: Busy Bee, Springwell's Medical Escort Program, MBTA THE RIDE, and MWRTA's Boston Area Hospital Shuttle.*

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